

MRS. EVELYN THAW  
AGAIN TAKES STANDIdentifies Letters White Sent  
Her After Marriage.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION ON

Delmas Forces Jerome to Com-  
mence Difficult Task.Wife Relates What May McKenzie  
Told Them White Said About  
Newly Married Couple—Mrs. J.  
Caine, of Boston, Testifies to  
Hearing Harry K. Thaw Ask Mrs.  
Nesbit for Her Daughter's Hand.

New York, Feb. 19.—District Attorney Jerome began yesterday afternoon the cross-examination of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. He didn't want to do it just then, but he was forced into it by Delmas, her husband's counsel. It was only after a bitter argument between Jerome and Delmas that took up the cross-examination.

Young Mrs. Thaw had been on the stand at the morning session and she was recalled again in the afternoon to identify a letter written by her mother. That disposed of, Delmas announced that he was ready for cross-examination. It came as a surprise to Jerome, who seemed to have the understanding that he could resist the right to cross-examine her after other witnesses, especially experts, had testified. But Delmas said that there was no such understanding on his part.

This brought from Jerome a statement in which he practically accused Delmas of not telling the truth, adding that hereafter there would be no stipulation made with counsel for the defense unless it was in open court and on the record. He said very positively that if he was convinced by medical testimony that an honest case of insanity had been made out for Thaw he would no longer take up the time of the court.

Jerome spoke with great feeling, saying that he did not want to subject Thaw's young wife to the terrible ordeal of a cross-examination unless it was absolutely necessary. He said he knew that two of Thaw's doctors had important testimony that might bear great bearing on the case, as he had examined them himself with the consent of Thaw's counsel. But the intimidation from Jerome's talk was that it would have to be shown that Thaw is now insane, and then he would ask for a commission in lunacy.

Jerome Scores Point.  
During the brief examination that Jerome put young Mrs. Thaw through this afternoon, he asked her if the story that she told Thaw was true. This question was objected to by Delmas, saying that it had nothing to do with the case, but Justice Fitzgerald allowed it. She said it was true. This, it is believed, opens the way for wide latitude in examination by Jerome.

Winding up her direct testimony, Mrs. Thaw said that she told her husband that her constant companion, May McKenzie, told her that White had said after her marriage to Thaw that their love would not last long and that "I will get her back."

While she was on the stand, the statement written by Thaw to Anthony Comstock was admitted in evidence. In "Thaw spoke of doing violence to them where 'rich criminals' took their victims, young girls."

It is evident that the defense will attempt to get in evidence a list of letters written by White. These were identified by Mrs. Thaw to-day, but they have not been admitted in evidence yet. The letters were not written to Mrs. Thaw, but to another young woman.

Honest Case of Insanity.  
The session after luncheon bristled with interesting moments. The district attorney told the court that the moment he became convinced that an honest case of insanity had been made out on behalf of the defendant he would cease to waste the court's time by contending otherwise.

Delmas tried to pin the district attorney to a more definite statement along this line. He wanted to know if Jerome would abandon the prosecution if he became convinced that Thaw was insane on the night of June 25.

Jerome was too alert to be caught in that style, however, and replied that he was addressing the court and not the jury. He did not say whether he would require to be convinced on Thaw's insanity on June 25 last, or at the present time, it appears most unlikely that he will abandon the prosecution of the case unless it is conceded that Thaw is insane at the present time.

Nor will he be likely to miss the chance of asking that a commission in lunacy be appointed to examine Thaw, should the testimony of the defense, at any time, give him a reasonable excuse for so doing. The entire tendency of Jerome's questions to the medical men has been to confirm the belief that the district attorney holds that if Thaw was insane when he shot White, he is insane now, and should be sent to an asylum; and that if he is not insane now, he was sane when he shot White.

Shooting on Thin Ice.  
There were moments this afternoon when both Jerome and Delmas were skating on thin ice, and seemed likely to break through into the bitterest sort of personalities. The two lawyers got to disputing about whether the cross-examination of Evelyn Thaw should be undertaken once Jerome said that he, Delmas, had a stipulation that he should go over for the present. Mr. Delmas said that this understanding went no further than putting off the cross-examination until the afternoon session.

"My recollection differs totally from that of counsel," said Jerome, and he added that hereafter he would have no dealings with counsel for the defense except such as went on the minutes.

The district attorney seemed to approach the cross-examination of Evelyn Thaw with the greatest reluctance. He stated to the court that he had hoped that it would be possible not to cross-examine her at all, but he could not be sure of that until the defense had put all its testimony as to facts. That was why he wanted to postpone the cross-examination. He had no desire to subject the witness to such an ordeal as

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair and colder to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy; fresh westerly winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.  
1—Jerome Cross-examines Evelyn Thaw.  
1—Republicans Win Philadelphia Election.  
1—Philadelphia Shoots Clubman.  
1—Maid Takes Witness Stand.  
1—Bald Gives Mistress' Jewels to Sweetheart.  
2—High Speed Blamed for Bronx Wreck.  
2—French Church Policy Sustained.  
2—Kaiser Opens Reichstag.  
2—Virginia Man, Mourned as Dead, Returns.  
11—Tobacco Trusts Will Merge.

CONGRESS.  
4—Smoot Speaks in His Own Defense.  
4—No Increase for Postal Employees.  
4—President Given Free Hand in Panama.  
7—Sundry Civil Items Passed.

LOCAL.  
1—Will Distribute \$2,400,000 To-day.  
2—New Venezuelan Revolt Crushed.  
2—Oliver's Chances Increasing.  
5—Programme of Schools for Washington Day.  
12—Plan for New Market.  
12—Open Letter from Chancellor.

## EQUITABLE DECLARED SAFE.

President Morton Denies Rumors of Receivership.

New York, Feb. 19.—Following the selling of 60,000 shares of Union Pacific on the stock exchange to-day by H. Content, rumors were spread around Wall street that it was for the account of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and that the company was going into the hands of a receiver. These rumors, which unsettled the stock market, were denounced as maliciously false by Paul Morton, president of the Equitable.

Mr. Morton pronounced the rumor of an impending receivership for the Equitable as not only baseless, but ridiculous. The person who put this rumor in circulation doubtless used as a basis the recent decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals reversing Judge Hazen's decision sustaining the stock demurrer in the case of J. Wilcox Brown against the society, in which Messrs. Dos Passos Brothers are of counsel for the plaintiff. The decision of the Court of Appeals in this case is upon a very narrow question, and has not the remotest bearing upon the society's solvency.

Mr. Morton added that he knew of no corporation in the world which was more solvent and less likely to go into the hands of a receiver than the Equitable.

There was astonishment in Wall street that such a baseless rumor should be circulated. It was freely commented on as an example of the lengths to which some manipulators of the market are willing to go in order to depress prices.

## MAY ANNUL THAW MARRIAGE

Its Validity Depends Upon Groom's Sanity on Day It Took Place.

New Argument May Be Raised Should Defendant Be Found to Have Been Insane.

Pittsburg, Feb. 19.—There was abundant proof in Pittsburg to-day that should Harry K. Thaw, now on trial at New York for the murder of Stanford White, be declared to have been insane when he married or remade the will which has been introduced as evidence in New York, there will be an effort to declare his marriage to Evelyn Nesbit, on the same day, null and void.

This will was practically arranged and completed on the day he married Miss Nesbit, and if the courts hold that Thaw was insane the day he married the artist's model, then the marriage will not hold. That there are those in Pittsburg who would like to see the marriage invalidated is certain. The consensus of legal opinion in Pittsburg to-day was that if Thaw was insane at the time he made the will he was also insane when he was married.

Attorney Herman L. Hegner, who at the time Thaw was married was marriage license clerk and attended to Thaw's case, personally to-day gave it as his opinion that Thaw at the time he took out the license was sane.

"Thaw acted most queerly that day, and though at the time attributed to nervousness, I am now inclined to think he was sane, and that I should not have issued the license," said Hegner to-night.

## THAW TRIAL RESULTS IN GIFT.

Cincinnati Millionaire Moved to Give \$250,000 to Help Girls.

Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—As a memorial to his daughter Charlotte, who was killed in an automobile accident in southern France last summer, J. G. Schmidlapp, a widely known Cincinnati banker and millionaire, to-day announced the establishment of a trust of \$250,000, the interest of which is to be devoted to the benefit of young women.

"Friends of Mr. Schmidlapp say that the trust was decided on by him after a recent visit to New York, and upon learning of the testimony in the Thaw trial. This makes a total of \$500,000 given by Mr. Schmidlapp recently in memory of his wife and two daughters, all of whom met accidental deaths."

The new trust is to be administered by the mayor of Cincinnati, the president of the Cincinnati University, and five directors of the Union Trust Company of this city, and there is no limit of any kind on the trustees in selecting beneficiaries.

The income is to be used for the benefit of young women, in "caring for them in disease, in constraint, or in education."

## PRESIDENT INVITES LECTURER

Executive Writes Dr. Joseph Kearney Foran to Come to Washington.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt has sent Dr. Joseph Kearney Foran, an eminent poet and lecturer, living here, an autograph letter inviting him to give a lecture in Washington on historical subjects.

He will accept and a date will be arranged before long.

Sale of Japanese Goods  
At Washington Art Galleries, 1408 H st., continues to-day at 10:30 a. m. and 3 p. m.



## BAILEY A WITNESS

Takes Stand and Tells Story  
in His Own Way.

## STATEMENT DOES NOT VARY

Committee Refuses to Embark Upon  
Extensive Tour of Country to In-  
vestigate Uncertain and Indefinite  
Charges—Senator Not Questioned  
by Lawyers—To Continue To-day.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 19.—Senator Bailey and Representative Coker each had their turn with the investigating committee at Austin to-day.

Mr. Coker filed a protest of 2,500 words against the investigation, and making what practically amounted to a series of supplemental charges against the Senator. He also desired to have the committee map out an extensive tour of the country to hear indefinite testimony from uncertain sources. What he asked, if granted, would keep the investigation on wheels for a long time. The committee turned down his request.

After Mr. Coker's request had been negatively passed on Senator J. W. Bailey took the witness stand in his own defense. The committee's room was crowded with spectators, and all the members of the two committees were present. There was no excitement, but the keenest of interest prevailed.

Just as Mr. Bailey had taken his seat a huge bouquet of roses, sent by some ladies of Austin, among them the wife of Hon. A. W. Terrell, once Minister to Turkey, was presented to Representative Coker, who sat immediately opposite the Senator, but between whom no sign of recognition had taken place. The bouquet was placed on a table almost under Senator Bailey's nose. The incident caused a titter throughout the committee room. Bailey and Coker both smiled.

Mr. Bailey was on the stand all day, and may continue as a witness to-morrow's session. He has not been questioned by attorneys or members of the committee. He has been permitted to make a statement in his own way concerning all matters with which he is charged, and which have been brought out in the investigation to date. This statement in no material feature differs from those the Senator has made in his speeches and his statements at various times to the press. At times to-day he amplified on certain features of matters that have been brought out by other witnesses who have appeared before the committee, but in no material sense were his statements changed.

## DIVORCED 32 YEARS; REWED.

Each of Pair Had Buried Partner  
During Interim, However.

Mount Clemens, Mich., Feb. 19.—Divorced thirty-two years ago, Alpheus P. Cowell, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Ene-line A. Hunter, of Cleveland, were remarried here yesterday at the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. Cowell was eighteen at their first marriage, and his bride sixteen. Both lived in Michigan when they made their first matrimonial venture, the groom at St. Johns and the young woman at Lansing. Both married after their divorce, but death deprived them of their partners, and recently they came into correspondence again and the love of their youth was rekindled, their second marriage being finally arranged.

## KELSEY REMOVAL IS ASKED.

Hughes to Insist on His Retirement  
in Message to Senate.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Gov. Hughes will send a message to the senate to-morrow asking that body to remove State Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey. The message which is being prepared now is based upon the admissions of incompetency made by Mr. Kelsey at his examination yesterday.

The governor gave Mr. Kelsey until to-day to file a supplemental statement to the explanations of yesterday.

## ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Miners Killed by Explosion of Gas  
in Mexican Colliery.

Las Esperanzas, Mex., Feb. 19.—It is now believed that 100 lives were lost in the explosion yesterday in the mine belonging to the Mexican Coal and Coke Company at this place. Forty-three bodies have been removed. More than sixty miners are still in the compartment where the explosion occurred. Whether they are dead is not known.

Many of the men who were killed were Japanese.

The explosion occurred soon after the night shift had begun work. It is thought to have been caused by gas which ignited from a defective lamp carried by one of the miners.

## JEW BAITING IS RESUMED.

Fierce Street Fights in Odessa Re-  
sult in 95 People Injured.

Odessa, Feb. 19.—As a result of a Jew baiting here last night ninety-five persons are in the hospital and it is believed that a number are fatally injured.

Fierce street fights, lasting for two hours, characterized the trouble. A number of young Jews offered determined resistance to their persecutors. Further trouble is feared, and the town is being patrolled by Cossacks.

## THROWS JEWELS OFF BRIDGE

Chaufeur Arrested for Accepting  
Stolen Gems Tells Queer Story.

New York, Feb. 19.—Through the confession of Mary O'Connor and at the suggestion of the Rev. Father Thomas J. Doyle, a curate attached to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph, at Sixth avenue and Washington place, the police of the West Thirtieth street station reported early to-day that they had learned of the robbery of jewels valued at from \$15,000 to \$20,000 from Mrs. Leta Nichols Livingston, widow of Oscar S. Livingston, of 108 East Thirtieth street.

The police arrested the O'Connor girl, who said she was twenty-four years of age and lived at 201 Madison avenue, and on her information Frank Logan, twenty-one years of age, who said he was a chauffeur, was placed in custody when he returned to his home, at 32 West Sixty-fifth street.

The arrest of Logan is said to have been due to Mary's discovery that he was paying attentions to another girl.

Sgt. Archie McCullough, of the Tenth station, said that Logan confessed he had received the jewelry from Mary O'Connor, but when he learned that she had been stolen he threw them off the Brooklyn Bridge.

When arrested Logan was dressed in evening clothes, had \$22 in his pockets, and admitted that he had not been working much lately.

## MANY NEWSPAPERS SUED.

Hearings Begun in Libel Cases Insti-  
tuted by Miss Bessie Cronin.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Logansport, Ind., Feb. 19.—The first hearing in scores of libel suits filed against publishers all over the United States by Miss Bessie Cronin was reached to-day, when Louthain & Barnes, publishers of the Logansport Pharos, were defendants before Judge Reynolds at Monticello.

The alleged libel is contained in a story involving a student frolic at the Valparaiso (Ind.) College. Among the defendants are Vice President Fairbanks, through his connection with Indianapolis newspapers.

Largest Morning Circulation.  
All advertising contracts made by The Washington Herald are based upon its sworn circulation—a circulation in Washington larger by thousands than was ever before attained by any morning newspaper at the Capital. Its books are open.

## CLUBMAN HIS VICTIM

Dawson Hoopes Empties Gun  
at C. A. Newhall.

## ONLY FEW SHOTS TAKE EFFECT

Assaultant Meets Old-time Enemy on  
Street and Rushes for His Weapon,  
While Newhall Attempts to Flee  
from City—Affair Grows Out of Do-  
mestic Troubles of Long Standing.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Vowing that he would be revenged on the man who, he said, had broken up his home, Dawson Hoopes, of the firm of Hoopes & Townsend, a member of the Union League Club, this afternoon discharged both barrels of a shotgun at Charles A. Newhall, society man, club man, and international cricketer, of Chestnut Hill, on the main street of Ambler, Pa., a number of shots taking effect in the back of his head and legs.

The assault was made at the Ambler station, and was witnessed by a number of people. Newhall was not seriously wounded, as the gun was loaded only with bird-shot, which did not penetrate the heavy overcoat worn by the victim.

## NEWHALL MAKES FAST TIME.

Newhall is well known as a horse man, and went to Ambler to attend a horse sale, where he met Mr. Hoopes, an old enemy, at a hotel.

Hoopes, declaring that he would be revenged for old time injuries, went to his room, and Newhall decided to get out of town. He had just disappeared in the railroad station when Hoopes came out of the hotel with a shotgun and pursued him.

In his haste for revenge, he stumbled and fell in the mud as he reached the railroad, but, quickly recovering his gun, he ran toward the station.

Newhall saw his enemy coming and bolted through the rear door of the building. He ran wildly across the street, his long coat tails streaming behind him, his speed leaving his legs exposed to the scolding of the crowd. Hoopes braced himself on the station platform and, at a range of fifty yards, fired both barrels of his gun in rapid succession.

With the small shot taking little effect, though they penetrated his scalp and legs, Newhall did not pause in his flight until he was safely behind a large building. Two of the shot cut his scalp and several buried themselves in his legs beneath the flapping coat.

## MAY NOT PROSECUTE HOOPES.

Hoopes returned to the hotel where he was arrested. He was brought before a justice of the peace, but was not in condition to answer to the charges, and the hearing was continued until to-morrow.

During the hearing Hoopes was guarded by a policeman to prevent him from springing on Newhall, whom, he declared, he would finish.

The assaultant was locked in Ambler jail until late in the afternoon, when he was released under \$2,000 bail, furnished by his brother, Barton Hoopes, who took him to the Ambler House, where he left him in his room under guard for the night. It is expected that the case will be settled, as Newhall does not wish to prosecute.

The trouble dates back to 1904, when it is said that Hoopes tried unsuccessfully to get a divorce from his wife. To friends Hoopes has often talked of his troubles, and declared that Newhall was responsible for them.

Mrs. Hoopes and her daughter are separated from Hoopes, and are traveling in Europe, he having settled \$200 a month on them.

## Bullet Stops Burglar's Flight.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 19.—A message to Chief Police Miller this afternoon says the burglar who broke into Harry Bell's store two weeks ago and robbed it of various articles of clothing was captured in Savannah, Ga., a few days ago and sentenced to State prison for a year on a small fine. To-day he made a dash for freedom and was shot, but is not seriously wounded.

## A la Carte Lunch Served Daily

At Eckstein's from 12 to 3. 112 N. Y. ave.

## OPENS WAY TO "JOBS."

Legislative Business Far Behind.  
Closing Rush Is Inevitable.

It is becoming more and more evident that the closing days of the present session of Congress will witness a greater congestion of business than has been known in recent years.

Not one of the fourteen appropriation bills has yet been sent to the President for his signature. The legislative, executive, and judicial bill, the first to be reported to the House and passed by it, is not yet out of conference, and all of the others still lack much of being completely through the legislative machinery.

One important measure—the sundry civil bill—was reported to the House by the Committee on Appropriations only yesterday. One other—the general deficiency bill—is yet to be reported by the committee, and but eleven days of the session remain.

Those members of Congress who do not believe in hasty action are very apprehensive lest the inevitable rush of the last few days of the session will leave open the door for "jobs" and "jokers" of various kinds. In spite of the obvious necessity for haste, neither House seems inclined to devote itself exclusively to business, and speeches on a wide range of subjects not germane to appropriation measure are consuming a great deal of valuable time.

The Senate, for example, spent practically the whole of yesterday's session on one comparatively unimportant provision of the agricultural bill, while in the House many speeches were delivered which had nothing whatever to do with the post-office bill, which was being considered in Committee of the Whole.

It is not doubted at this time that all the budgets will be passed before the close of the session, but members freely predict that errors will be inevitable as a result of the rush in the closing hours, and that the country will be fortunate if nothing worse than errors creeps into the various money bills.

## LARCHMONT VICTIMS FOUND.

Bodies of Two Men Washed Ashore  
at No Man's Land.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 19.—Two more bodies of victims of the Larchmont disaster were brought here to-day by the crew of the Gay Head life saving station from the island of No Man's Land, where they had been washed ashore. On a memorandum book found in the clothing on one of the bodies, that of a man of middle age, was written the address, "W. G. Wightman, Lebanon, N. Y." The other body was that of a man about thirty years of age. On the third finger of the left hand was a plain gold ring. Both men were fairly well dressed, and on each body was a life preserver.

## SCIENTIST LOSES SIGHT.

Dr. John C. Shedd Blinded Experi-  
menting with Finest Ray.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 19.—As the result of experimenting with the Finest ray, a newly discovered powerful electrical ray, which is little understood, Dr. John C. Shedd, head of the department of physics and electricity at Colorado College, has probably been blinded for life.

Dr. Shedd is now confined at his home, suffering tortures with his eyes and utterly unable to see.

## WILL GIVE AWAY \$2,400,000

Peabody Trustees Will Distribute  
Fund Among Colleges.Southern Institutions to Benefit by  
the Disposition To-day of Money  
Held in Trust Forty Years.

It has been practically decided that the Peabody Education Fund, established in 1867 by George Peabody, of London, will be entirely distributed within a short time. A large portion, practically all of the fund, will be distributed to-day at a special meeting of the trustees at the Arlington Hotel in this city. The fund now amounts to between \$2,300,000 and \$2,400,000, and in accordance with the will of the founder will be devoted, as the interest has been in the past, to educational institutions in the Southern States.

In the original endowment it was provided that the fund might be distributed at the end of thirty years. Forty years have passed, and this action has never been taken until now, when it is practically determined upon. At the special meeting to-day, the distribution will be made, and the beneficiaries will be announced.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, Bishop Lawrence, and Richard Olney, of Boston, trustees, arrived yesterday to attend the meeting. Chief Justice Fuller is chairman, and J. Pierpont Morgan is treasurer. Mr. Green is the oldest member of the trustees, in point of service. He said last night that a large part of the fund will be distributed to-day, leaving only a small balance, which will be awarded in the near future. The trusteeship will then be dissolved.

## EXIT FATHER; ENTER SON.

Heir Born Two Hours After Parent  
Is Lowered Into the Grave.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Death and life entered into a strange contest in the family of the late Frank Frudean, of Main street, this city, to-day.

Neither was victor. What one took away, the other gave.

This morning the body of Frank Frudean was buried, and two hours later a son was born to Messrs. Frudean. Suddenly Frudean died after a lingering illness, caused by tuberculosis. It was the old law of life which asserts itself at every turn, and to the sorrowing wife, who hung over the bedside when her husband died Sunday. It was the law of compensation.

## TROUBLE FOR KUROPATKIN.

Kaulbars May Challenge Him on Ac-  
count of His History of the War.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The publication abroad of Gen. Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war has caused a great sensation here. The dispatches on the subject were suppressed, but long accounts received by mail are printed in all the newspapers.

The general's strictures have evoked much comment in military circles, and have revived the talk of the possibility of a duel between Gen. Kaulbars and Gen. Kuropatkin.

A strong effort is being made to undermine the latter in the Emperor's favor and prevent his nomination as viceroy of the Caucasus, which it is reported has been decided upon.

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REPUBLICANS ROUT  
PHILADELPHIA FOESCity Party and Democrats  
Lose by 50,000 Votes.

## CARRY ONLY SIX WARDS

Reformers Get Lukewarm Sup-  
port from Their Ally.Durham-McNichol Organization Calls  
Result a Restoration of Public Con-  
fidence in the Machine—Means Dis-  
banding of City Party—Reform  
Ranks Lost Strength Steadily Since  
Last Fall's Defeat over the State.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—The municipal election to-day resulted in a sweeping victory for the Republican organization.

Congressman John E. Reyburn, of the Second district, is elected mayor by a majority ranging between 40,000 and 50,000, and Hugh Black, recently chairman of the Republican city committee, is chosen as receiver of taxes, an office important for its large patronage.

The City Party, which led the independent fight, and which had less than half-hearted support from its ally, the Democratic organization, carries not more than six of the forty-five wards, suffering heavy losses in districts where it was strongest in the fight of 1905, when it overthrew the Republican organization.

Leaders of the City Party attribute the result to weakness of their organization and to the completeness of that of their opponents.

Dissensions within the reform ranks had a great deal to do with the result. Many of the workers who contributed largely to the reform victory in 1905 had returned to the regular Republican fold, having been convinced by the failure of the reform fight last fall that there was nothing to be gained by sticking to the independent cause.

Essential procuring control of the executive department for four years, the Republican organization retains a firm grasp on the city control.

Republicans hail the victory as a vote of restored confidence in the party, following the punishment received in the uprising against the scheme to extend the term of office of the mayor works to the United Gas Improvement Company by half a century.

The result undoubtedly means the disbanding of the City Party, which was organized with the avowed purpose of wresting the mayoralty from the Durham-McNichol organization, described by Secretary Root as a "corrupt and criminal combination masquerading as Republicans."

## PRESIDENT NONCOMMITTAL

Replies to Massachusetts' Request  
for Special Session of Congress.

Boston, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt's reply to the petition signed by the governor and a majority of the members of the legislature for an extra session of Congress for the consideration of the tariff was received at the State House this morning and made public to-day. The governor finds some satisfaction in the fact that the tone of the President's letter is not hostile to the subject of the petition, but he would have been better satisfied had the President responded at more length. The letter says:

"Sir: I have received the petition signed by yourself and members of the legislature of Massachusetts referring to the question of tariff legislation by Congress. My petition was signed by myself and by members of the legislature of a great and powerful State, is entitled to and will certainly receive my serious consideration, as well, I am sure, as that of Congress. With assurance for your in your official capacity as the governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am, sincerely yours, 'THEODORE ROOSEVELT.'"

## FORGER SENT TO PRISON.

Trilo Passes Large Number of Bogus  
Checks Before Being Arrested.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 19.—Local United States Secret